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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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TAGS: PORG, UNSC, RH
SUBJECT: RHODESIA SANCTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 23

REF: USUN 772

1. RHODESIA SANCTIONS COMMITTEE MET MARCH 23 TO CONSIDER
FOUR NON-CONTROVERSIAL GENERAL SUBJECTS FROM ITS COMPOSITE
PROGRAM OF WORK (PROGRAM DATAFAXED DEPT. ATT: ESCUDERO):

A) MANUAL OF DOCUMENTATION AND PROCEDURES FOR GOODS
ORIGINATING IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA: MEMBERS AGREED THAT
MANUAL, WRITTEN IN 1974, WAS OUT OF DATE. CHAIRMAN
(JAIPAL-INDIA) APPOINTED WORKING GROUP OF UK, GABON,
INDIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO WORK WITH EXPERT CONSULTANT
IN ORDER TO UPDATE IT.

B) QUESTION OF CONFLICTING REPORTS OF MEMBER STATES
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ON ORIGIN OF GOODS DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN IMPORTED FROM
SOUTHERN RHODESIA: US AND UK SUGGESTED ITEM REMAIN
ON AGENDA ON GROUNDS (1) ONE FINAL US REPORT ON BYRD
AMENDMENT IMPORTS REMAINED TO BE SUBMITTED AND COULD
ORIGINATE NEW CASES IN WHICH SUBSEQUENT REPORTS COULD
CONFLICT; (2) CONFLICTS OF REPORTS GENERATED BY US-
SUBMITTED INFORMATION (ABOVE) COULD SHED LIGHT ON

TIGHTENING COMMITTEE'S SCRUTINY OF DOCUMENTATION
(PARA 1-A). COMMITTEE AGREED TO RETAIN ITEM. CHAIRMAN
ALSO DREW COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION TO LEGAL BRIEF SUBMITTED
BY UN LEGAL COUNSEL ON QUESTION OF CONFLICTING
REPORTS (WP. 280 DATAFAXED DEPT. ATT: ESCUDERO).
ACTION REQUESTED: LEGAL OPINION BY DEPT. ON WP. 280.

C) MERCENARIES: USSR, UK AND SECRETARIAT PROVIDED
HISTORY OF UN'S ACTIONS AGAINST MERCENARIES. CHAIRMAN
CALLED ON UK TO EXAMINE EXISTING SC RESOLUTIONS ON THIS
SUBJECT AND REPORT BACK ON ANY FURTHER ACTION DEEMED
NECESSARY, ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO PUNITIVE ACTION BY
MEMBER STATES. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FROM
DEPT. ON LEGAL ASPECTS INCLUDING LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESSFUL
PROSECUTION ON, E.G., QUESTION OF ADVERTISING FOR
MERCENARIES IN US; QUESTION OF REMOVAL OF CITIZENSHIP
OF AMERICAN MERCENARIES.

D) INFORMATION FROM THE STATES CONCERNED WITH REGARD TO
MEASURES TAKEN BY THEM TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE
RELEVANT SC RESOLUTIONS: USSR REP SAID HIS PURPOSE IN
INTRODUCING ITEM WAS TO SHARPEN ATTENTION OF COMMITTEE
TO NEED FOR MORE AND BETTER INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE
VIOLATIONS. US REP SAID PROBLEM WAS NOT THAT OF INFORMA-
TION, BUT OF VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION COMMITTEE DID
RECEIVE, ESPECIALLY WHEN REPORTS CONFLICTED.
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WHAT SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS DID USSR HAVE? USSR SAID THAT
IT HAD NONE -- PURPOSE OF USSR WAS ONLY TO FOCUS COMMITTEE
ATTENTION ON PROBLEM. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT ITEM WOULD
SIMPLY BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN ON AGENDA.

2. MISSION HAS RECEIVED ADVANCE COPY OF DRAFT NOTE TO
USG BY SYG ASKING FOR INFORMATION ON ALLEGED ACTIVITY
OF FOUR AMERICANS IN RUNNING GUNS TO RHODESIA (DRAFT
NOTE DATAFAXED DEPT, ATT: ESCUDERO). ACTION REQUESTED:
DEPARTMENT EXAMINATION OF CASE IN QUESTION. (COMM. 29).
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